

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT Consumer Advisory Board

## Special Meeting Summary Wednesday, June 11, 2014

**Members Present:** Patricia Checko (Co-Chair); Arlene Murphy (Co-Chair); Jeffrey G. Beadle; Alice Ferguson; Robert Krzys; Theanvy Kuoch; Sharon D. Langer; Richard J. Porth

**Members Absent:** Yvette H. Bello; Michaela I. Fissel; Kevin Galvin; Cheryl Harris Forbes; Bryte Johnson; Stephen Karp; Nanfi Lubogo; Cece Peppers-Johnson

**Other Participants:** Deanna Chaparro (PMO); Faina Dookh (PMO); Robin Lamott Sparks (Steering Committee)

Meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

### Discussion of the process and timelines for the development of the SIM Test Grant Application

The board reviewed the revised timeline which now includes CAB meetings. Faina Dookh, of the Program Management Office, reviewed the current work on the application in preparation for the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee meeting the next day. The PMO plans to send information to the Consumer Advisory Board at the same time as the steering committee to allow time for comment.

Patricia Checko said the board will have the opportunity to provide input on stakeholder engagement narrative and budget. As demonstrated by the time table, there will be a need to work quickly. Additionally, the page limitations in the grant make it difficult to convey all that is needed. In addition to helping develop the stakeholder engagement piece, the board will have the opportunity to comment on the complete narrative and budget. Board members were asked to review and comment all eight issue briefs. Ms. Kuoch and Robert Krzys said they were particularly interested in Issue Brief # 8 – Community Health Workers.

Theanvy Kuoch said that the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission was releasing a report based on a needs assessment survey of Asian Pacific American communities. She said she would share it with the group once she receives it. Dr. Checko said that the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut would be releasing a report on their Connecticut Health Care Survey. That may be a resource for board members to read and consider going forward.

The board discussed their role in the State Innovation Model. The board serves to provide advice and counsel to the steering committee. The board discussed their involvement in the various work groups. It was suggested that the board convene cross workgroup discussions with the consumer/advocate representatives to each group. The board also planned to engage in ongoing consumer communications via means such as regional forums, issue-driven focus groups, and electronic town hall meetings.

Alice Ferguson asked what the plans were for the revision of the mission statement. In light of the test grant development timeline, it was decided that the board would continue under the existing mission statement until there was sufficient time to devote to them.

The board discussed various means for communication, including using programs such as Skype or Google Hangout. They also discussed setting up a list serve. The board decided to set Mondays at 10 a.m. as a weekly deadline for comments on the application. Arlene Murphy said the Monday morning feedback and other correspondence received will be included in the board's future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.

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